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AARA 2021 FIELD DAY

Many thanks to Steve and Mel Webre for their continued support of the AARA. The utilization of their property provides a radio quiet environment which aids in smoother operations. As our club continues to move forward with education based gatherings, we were very successful for this year's Field Day operations.

I would do this correspondence a huge injustice if I attempted to name every operator, visitor, ham, and non-ham in attendance. Overall we had 40+ attendees who came and went. Some operated while others came to observe; all of which had a great time participating in the comradery that is always on full display.

On a typical year, the AARA operates under a 4A classification meaning that we have 4 stations set up on off grid power and this year was a tad different. Since our main focus was on teaching and learning about field operations, we encouraged participants to bring their own personal set-up and utilize their own personal equipment. This would allow operators to gain skills in deployment, tuning, remote operations, and troubleshooting; which would enable the operator to bring those skills back to their home station to be even more successful. That being said, we operated as a 7A club with 7 active stations on the property.

There were a variety of set up scattered about the property. From dipoles, verticals, a buddipole, a loop style multi-band, an OCF dipole, and the AARA tri-band beam, we had a great turnout. Band conditions were very favorable on most bands which allowed us to scatter the operating plans without "walking over" anyone. From voice, CW, to FT8 Digital, we were successful on many modes of operations. As I await the final tallies from all of the operators, we will easily surpass 800+ contacts made on all modes.

Throughout the day you could see groups of individuals operating with the proven application of See One, Do One, Teach One. This proved to be beneficial as it allowed for many hams to experience a mode of operation that they may have not been familiar with and gain the comfortability with a potential new way of making contacts. Hopefully the education gained over the weekend will allow the AARA members to explore new avenues at their home stations.

I could go on breaking down the 2 day event and probably miss a tremendous amount of detail, but one thing is for certain; we shared great conversations, laughed, learned, operated, and broke bread as a hobbyist family.

As we continue to schedule more club related events, I hope that you will join us in the future.

Sincerely

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AARA JULY 2021 GENERAL MEETING CANCELLED

The Thursday of July 1st, 2021 AARA General Meeting normally held at the S.E.O.T. Building, 1300 Bertrand Dr., Lafayette, has been cancelled due to the facility being unavailable at this time. The meeting will be moved to August 5th, 2021.

Greetings Louisiana Section

It is that time of year again for nominations for the ARRL Louisiana Section Amateur of the Year award. Nominations will be accepted today through July 31, 2021. Please get them in ASAP.

Email me for the nomination form and instructions. Please remember: Minimum requirements for a nominee – 5 years uninterrupted ARRL membership. (Committee may waive this for a new Ham who is an ARRL member and has shown exemplary participation and accomplishments).

As in the past few years, our Section winner will be nominated for the Delta Division Amateur of the Year as will the other Section's winners in the Delta Division.

Thank you and stay safe everyone!

73 de

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DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING**Re-scheduled to August 5th, 2021

S.E.O.T. Building
1300 Bertrand Dr., Lafayette, LA

Local 2-Meter Nets**Monday**

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
146.820– PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Region 4 SkyWarn/ARES Net 7:00 PM
147.040+ PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Silent Key Memorial Net 7:00 PM
146.820– PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Thursday

Rag Chew Net 8:00 PM 443.000+
5.000 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

**LOUISIANA TRAFFIC NET SIMULATED
EMERGENCY TEST (SET) DRILL**

By Herman Campbell KN5GRK

On Saturday June 19, 2021 at 0900, the Louisiana Traffic Net (LTN) held a simulated emergency net on 3910 & 3922 KHz.

Net manager Jim Lewis AB5YS, came up with the following scenario unknown to members until 0900. The scenario went like this:

(This is a simulated test, not a real situation, anything you hear is not true.) This message was repeated numerous times during the event.

"At approximately 0900, a hydrogen pipe line erupted and ignited along south bound lane I-10 between Opelousas and Lafayette, Louisiana just north of Sunset/Grand Coteau. Some vehicles overturned, nearby homes evacuated, no injuries or fatalities reported. Hazmat and other emergency vehicles or on their way to the site."

Some of the reports passed the between the nets operating on 3910 and 3922 KHz during this three hour event were:

*Citizen Band trucker reported southbound I-49 traffic met barricades at Washington exit and asked to detour to Hwy 182 to bypass Opelousas to Lafayette.

*State Police helicopter flying over the site taking evaluations is being hindered by unknown drone flying in the area.

*One piece of formal health & welfare traffic passed to Watertown, Mississippi.

*Shelters were set up in Lafayette and Opelousas to provide food and water and lodging to those needing assistance.

*Staging area for news media will be at the Motel 6 Exit 15 at Harry Gilbeau Rd.

*Reported that the St. Landry Parish Sheriff Office repeater is off the air due to this explosion and they are asking for assistance from ham radio operators.

*Reactions that may occur with contact with the gas may cause burns, severe injury or frostbite. Fire may produce irritating or toxic gases.

*St. Landry Parish Sheriff Office reports that the valve up-line is being shut off to control the fire.

*All spectators and non-essential persons are refrained from the affected area.

At approximately 11:45 a.m. the pipeline was shut off and the roads cleared for traffic. Both the 3910 & 3922 KHz nets closed. Everything went well and many of the new hams learned from this event.

Jim AB5YS reported that the SET was a success and thanked all involved and suggested that we do another in about three months.

Those that participated in this three hour event were:

AB5YS-W5DGM-W5CCT-W5TJZ-KN1B-W5ANB-K15GZO-KN5GRK/K5LSA-KB5SDU-KA5HSL-AA5UY-K5AJL-KG5AAE-K5APB-WB5UEW-N5TFG-A5BCD-W5BMC(RUDY)-KA5LMZ-K15JND-KB7QL W5DG-K5QNT

There were probably a few others that may have taken part but this list is all that I came up with, sorry.

Herman KN5GRK

Laison between the two nets was W5DGM Dominic

3910 KHz	Net Control	3922 KHz	Net Control
0900	Jim AB5YS	0900	Rudy W5BMC
1000	Mike WD5JTZ	1000	Ryan KI5GZO
1100	Jackie KA5LMZ	1100	Tom W5CCT

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AARA FIELD DAY 2021 PHOTOS



The AARA 2021 Field day was held on the farm of Steve Weber AF5VR in Church Point, Louisiana. The weather was nice and band conditions were favorable.

These are just a few of the photos taken by Greg Dolan II K5LFT.



The Shreveport Amateur Radio Association (SARA) is pleased to sponsor the 2021 Shreveport Hamfest. Browse the latest equipment from our featured vendors. Sell your used gear or find the perfect new or used equipment for your rig.

Date: Saturday August 14, 2021

Time: 8:00 am - til

Location: Louisiana State Fair Agriculture Bldg
3206 Pershing Ave.
Shreveport, LA 71101

Website: <http://www.shreveporthamfest.k5sar.com>

Vendor Setup: 6:30am - 7:30am

VE Testing: W5YI Team testing @ 9:00 AM on Saturday

AIR CONDITIONED

104 Degrees Outside
65 Degrees Inside

MAIN PRIZES

1st Prize - \$1250 at MTC or \$1000 cash.

2nd Prize - \$500 at MTC or \$400 cash.

3rd Prize - \$250 at MTC or \$150 cash.

Door Prizes every hour.

ADMISSION is \$5.00. Raffle Tickets are \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00. 30 for \$100. Parking is free. Easy access.

TALK-IN: 146.82 MHz (-600) SARA repeater. No tone. This frequency will be monitored to provide information or answer questions during the hamfest.

Potential vendors coming to the 2021 Shreveport Hamfest:



KENWOOD

CAJUN RF



Amateur radio operators are still in high demand

TV broadcaster WTHI reports communication during emergencies often gets disrupted. But a technology that's been around since the late 1800s still shines bright even in the darkest of times

Amateur Radio operators play a key role when severe weather comes rolling into the Wabash Valley. And the need for more radio operators continues to grow. HAM radio still proves to be a reliable source of communication, especially during emergencies.

The Clay County Amateur Radio Emergency Service is up in running in the Cory Volunteer Fire Department.

Storm Team 10's David Siple spoke with Kevin Berlen K9HX who is an amateur radio operator in Clay County and Siple asked him why Amateur Radio is still an important resource.

“Widespread power outages, widespread communications failures, and that's where the HAM's can shine because we don't rely on that infrastructure.”

You can expect many amateur operators out in the field spotting for storms. Many are trained on weather spotting through the National Weather Service. And their information plays an important role when severe weather strikes.

“The problem is, the radar beam is so high above the ground when you get to this area of the state, they really don't know what's happening on the ground. That's where the spotters come in. They can help them with damage assessment, they can tell them what's actually taking place right on the ground and that's invaluable to those folks [NWS].”

Reprinted from:



Coverage You Can Count On

Posted: May 7, 2021 3:58 PM

Updated: May 8, 2021 11:34 AM

Posted By: David Sipl



Watch the video and read the full story at:

<https://www.wthitv.com/content/news/Amateur-radio-operators-are-still-in-high-demand-574372471.html>

June 3rd 2021 VE Test Session Results



No one passed a test because no one showed up to test.

I'm depressed, two months in a row without a test session.... 73 de

Greg K5LFT.

Testing takes place each first Thursday of the month at the AARA General Meeting at 6:00 PM.

Rules and what you need to bring to a VE Test Session can be found here:

<http://www.w5dd1.org/VE%20Exams.htm>



13 Colonies Special Event Set for July 1 - 7

The 13th running of the popular 13 Colonies Special Event will take place July 1 - 7. A series of 1 × 1 call signs (K2A - K2M) will represent each of the original colonies in North America. The event begins at 1300 UTC on July 1 and concludes at 0400 UTC on July 7.

This year, some French stations will be joining, in recognition of the French Navy's importance in the 1700s as part of the France-Britain global competition. TM13COL will be a bonus station, as will GB13COL and WM3PEN in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, named after land-grant grantee William Penn, the colony's founder. Of course, Philadelphia is where the US founding fathers met.

Last year, the Special Event's 13 stations made 202,000 contacts. Each QSL card will be different, including the three bonus stations, each bearing a representative image of a ship.

INTERNATIONAL REPLY CUPON (IRC)

I would like to touch on a subject that you have probably never heard about. It is about the International Reply Coupon (IRC for short). Before QSL managers came about, in order to get a QSL card from a foreign country you had to meet that country's postal regulations, so the IRC system came about.

An international reply coupon (IRC) is a coupon that can be exchanged for one or more postage stamps representing the minimum postage for an unregistered priority airmail letter of up to twenty grams sent to another Universal Postal Union (UPU) member country. IRCs are accepted by all UPU member countries.

The IRC was introduced in 1906 at a Universal Postal Union congress in Rome. At the time an IRC could be exchanged for a single-rate, ordinary postage stamp for surface delivery to a foreign country, as this was before the introduction of airmail services. An IRC is exchangeable in a UPU member country for the minimum postage of a priority or unregistered airmail letter to a foreign country.

The current IRC, which features the theme "the Post and sustainable development", was designed by Vietnamese artist Nguyen Du for 2017-2021 and was adopted in Istanbul in 2016, it is known also as the "Istanbul model" for this reason.[2] The previous design, "Water for Life" by Czech artist and graphic designer Michal Sindelar, was issued in 2013 and was valid until 31 December 2017.[3]

IRCs are ordered from the UPU headquarters in Bern, Switzerland by postal authorities. They are generally available at large post offices; in the U.S., they were requisitioned along with regular domestic stamps by any post office that had sufficient demand for them.

Prices for IRCs vary by country. In the United States in November 2012, the purchase price was \$2.20[4] USD; however, the US Postal Service discontinued sales of IRCs on 27 January 2013 due to declining demand. Britain's Royal Mail also stopped selling IRCs on 18 February 2012, citing minimal sales and claiming that the average post office sold less than one IRC per year. IRCs purchased in foreign countries may be used in the United States toward the purchase of postage stamps and embossed stamped envelopes at the current one-ounce First Class International rate (US\$1.20 as of November 2020) per coupon.

IRCs are often used by amateur radio operators sending QSL cards to each other; it has traditionally been considered good practice and common courtesy to include an IRC when writing to a foreign operator and expecting a reply by mail. If the operator's home country does not sell IRCs, then a foreign IRC may be used.

The ARRL QSL Bureau has eliminated the need of IRC coupons for DX QSL card exchanges, check them out to see how it works!



A British 1 Shilling IRC issued in 1959.



A 1925 QSL card from amateur radio operator Bill Corsham, G2UV.

FCC Issues Enforcement Advisory: Radio Users Again Reminded Not to Use Radios in Crimes

04/20/2021

On April 20, the FCC's Enforcement Bureau issued a new Enforcement Advisory, repeating the admonishments contained in a January Advisory that no licensee or user of the Amateur or Personal Radio Services may use any radio equipment in connection with unlawful activities of any nature.



The Commission specifically cautioned that individuals found to have used radios in connection with any illegal activity are "subject to severe penalties, including significant fines, seizure of the offending equipment, and in some cases, criminal prosecution."

In addition, licensees should be aware that illegal operation in any service or band, including completely outside the amateur allocations, could potentially disqualify a person from holding any FCC license in any service, not just the Amateur Service.

Any amateur observing a suspicious infraction that might be of illegal or criminal nature should report it to their local law enforcement office or the FBI.

Amateurs' Email Addresses Will Continue to Be Kept Private, FCC Says

Starting on June 29, all applications filed with the FCC must include an email address for FCC correspondence. After receipt of the initial announcement that all future applications would require an email address, ARRL was concerned for the privacy of its members and requested that amateurs' email addresses not be made public. This week, the FCC agreed, stating in an email to ARRL counsel that it will continue to "mask" amateurs' email addresses from public view in the Universal Licensing System ([ULS](#)). The FCC will use the email address supplied by amateurs to correspond with applicants, including to send a link to the official electronic copy of the license when an application is granted.



The FCC is transitioning to fully electronic correspondence and no longer mails hard-copy licenses. Amateurs are able to view, download, and print their official license grant using the ULS. When a license is first granted, each applicant will receive an email with a direct link to the license. Although the link expires in 30 days, the license itself will remain available in the ULS and may be downloaded at any time by signing into the licensee's account using their FCC Registration Number (FRN) and password.

On or after June 29, a valid email address must be provided with each application, and must be kept current by filing a modification application, as necessary. Under the amended Section 97.23, "The email address must be an address where the grantee can receive electronic correspondence. Revocation of the station license or suspension of the operator license may result when correspondence from the FCC is returned as undeliverable because the grantee failed to provide the correct email address."

Applicants lacking an email address should consider using the email address of a friend or family member on their FCC applications. [Read an expanded version.](#)

<https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/universal-licensing-system>

Upcoming 2021 Hamfests

<p>August 8, 2021 - Shreveport - Bossier Hamfest Louisiana State Fair Agriculture Bldg. 3206 Pershing Ave. Shreveport, LA 71101 Website: http://www.shreveporthamfest.k5sar.com</p>	<p>October 8 & 9, 2021 - Slidell EOC Hamfest More information will be posted as things get planned. Website: http://www.w5sla.net/hamfest.htm</p>
<p>August 21 & 22, 2021 - Huntsville Hamfest Von Braun Center 700 Monroe St SW Huntsville, AL 35801 Website: https://hamfest.org</p>	<p>November 13, 2021 - Greater New Orleans Ham Fest VFW Hall 1133 Hickory Ave. Harahan La. 70123 Website: https://www.facebook.com/groups/2044282109131267/?fref=mentions</p>

JUNE 2021 AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net Monday 7:00 PM - 146.820	4	71	Ø	156	KD5JSM Danny
Region 4 SkyWarn/ARES Net Tuesday 7:00 PM - 147.040	5	49	Ø	110	KN5GRK Herman
Silent Key Memorial Net Wednesday 7:00 PM - 146.820	5	57	Ø	139	KD5JSM Danny
Rag Chew Net Thursday 8:00 PM - 433.000	3	13	Ø	227	KD5JSM Danny

"America was not built on fear. American was built on courage, on imagination, and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand."

Harry S. Truman

AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Danny Daigle KD5JSM is the AARA Monday Night Net Manager and he is in charge of scheduling the Net Control Operators. Each Monday will have a rotating NCS as listed below. Here is the July 2021 rotation:

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:	NCS
7/05/2021	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5	Danny KD5JSM
7/12/2021	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5	Paul N5KNY
7/19/2021	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5	Barrett KG5SSO
7/26/2021	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5	Brandon KG5LQM

Check into the Region 4 ARES / SkyWarn net on Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM on the 147.040 Duson repeater. [The 145.370 SkyWarn repeater is temporary off the air at this time.](#)

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8 - Central 103.5

The July 2021 repeater schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsuite/news/htm>



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

7/02	WA5KNC	EUGENE
7/04	KI5JMD	JAKE
7/10	KI5NTC	LARRY
7/28	KE5AHD	GREG
8/07	KF5PCH	JACKIE

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

DON MELTON KB5DON - SILENT KEY



On June 13, 2021, Don Melton KB5DON age 64 of Bridge City, Texas became a *SILENT KEY*. Don was born on June 19, 1956 in Fort Worth, Texas, son of Sherry Ann Spivey Melton and Allen G. Melton.

Amateur Radio was part of Don's life and you could find him on many of the 75 meter evening nets along the Gulf Coast. Don was a lab technician for Evonik Degussa Engineered Carbons Black.

Services were held on Saturday June 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m at Broussard's, 490 Cemetery Road, Silsbee. His interment followed at Holland Cemetery, Kountze, Texas.

**HAVE A SAFE
&
HAPPY**



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AARA GENERAL MEETING

Re-scheduled to August 5th, 2021

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

Location:

S.E.O.T Building

1300 Bertrand Dr., Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater
for info.



4th of July Punch

If it's not steamy and hot with a slight chance of showers, it's not Fourth of July down South. Whether you're flying your flag lakeside, beachside, or next to the grill in your own backyard, nothing cools off a sweltering summer celebration like the perfect party punch or cocktail. With a blend of fresh fruit and bright juices, our Fourth of July punch is a delightful drink that does just that. The secret to this big-batch punch? Letting it sit. After blending and straining, let the ingredients get to know each other for at least two hours or up to two days. The result is a mingling of flavors that's sweet yet refreshing.

Ingredients:

8 cups cubed seedless watermelon (3 lb.)
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup fresh lime juice (from 4 limes)
2 tablespoons grated fresh ginger (from 1 [4-in.] piece of ginger)

1 cup pineapple juice, chilled
1 (12-oz.) can club soda, chilled
2 cups (16 oz.) vodka, rum, or tequila
(optional)

Directions:

Step 1

Process half of the watermelon in a blender until smooth, about 45 seconds. Pour through a fine mesh strainer into a pitcher; discard solids. Repeat process with remaining watermelon.

Step 2

Whisk together sugar, lime juice, and ginger in a small bowl until sugar dissolves. Add mixture to strained watermelon in pitcher; stir in chilled pineapple juice. Chill mixture at least 2 hours or up to 2 days.

Step 3

Fill 8 highball glasses halfway with ice. Stir club soda and alcohol, if using, into watermelon mixture. Pour evenly into glasses.



From: SouthernLiving
<https://www.southernliving.com/recipes/4th-july-punch>

FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 1-888-225-5322. This will connect you to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

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